

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Vera O'Connell was born on May 30, 1904, the second oldest child of Lawrence and Mary O'Connell; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Vera was nurse maid or second mother to eight brothers and sisters; she also cared for several nieces and nephews; and,

Whereas, Vera married Jack Clancy, and to this union one daughter, Colleen, was born; who went on to procreate two grandsons, and five great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Vera and Jack opened their home to Mary and Joe Hanrahan, a niece and nephew from Ireland, who lived with them until they were able to go out on their own; and,

Whereas, Vera will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2004, as

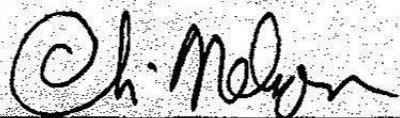
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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State